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An act relating to identification of gender-free restrooms in public buildings and places of public accommodation

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. chapter 40 is added to read:

CHAPTER 40. RESTROOMS

§ 1791. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

(1) “Place of public accommodation” has the same meaning as used in 9 V.S.A. § 4501.

(2) “Public building” has the same meaning as used in 20 V.S.A. § 2730.

(3) “Single-user toilet facility” means a toilet facility with no more than one water closet and one urinal with a locking mechanism controlled by the user.

§ 1792. SINGLE-USER RESTROOMS

a) Any single-user toilet facility in a public building or place of public accommodation shall be made available for use by persons of any gender, and designated for use by no more than one occupant at a time or for family or assisted use. A single-user toilet facility may be identified by a sign, provided

that the sign marks the facility as a restroom and does not indicate any specific gender.

(b) The Commissioner of Public Safety may inspect for compliance under subsection (a) of this section during any inspection conducted pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 2731(b).

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.